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EBARC Meeting

October 10, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Program to be Announced



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Applan Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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[Articles may be submitted by "snail" mail, by dictation over the 'phone 510-741-8227, or by e-mail to aa6xz@earthlink.net]

General Meeting Minutes September 12, 2008

Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Secretary

Texx introduced the night's speaker.

Peter mentioned the bureau QSL cards we received this month.

Bob said he will be installing a new terminal strip in the antenna rotor at the club station

Randy announced a technician class to be run by ORCA, ARCA, and EBARC. It's a 5-session course starting on Sept. 23rd in Alameda with exams at the usual VE session on Oct. 6th in Oakland. He also announced that since the 4Cs repeater is down, the Marin ARC has said they would open their 146.70 repeater to any other club nets. He also mentioned that there are public service events that need volunteers in Marin on Sept. 21 and Oct. 4. There has not been enough interest to start a general license class, but perhaps in the Fall of 2009.

Gordy said the treasurer's report is in *The Blown Fuse*. Tax forms for this year are being submitted.

Jack announced the plans for the Crab Feed. The tentative date of Jan 17th is pending investigation of any other events that might compete with us on that date. We'd like to have tickets sold by Thanksgiving.

Jack asked for volunteers for a nominating committee for next year's officers. Jack, Peter H. and Peter K. volunteered.

Jack announced that Nathan has formed a ham club at the Presidio Middle School with help from Dean Straw and the SF and EB ARRL section managers. He has 32 members already, and one faculty member has expressed interest in obtaining a ham license. They would appreciate any donations of ham equipment.

Jack also mentioned that Saturday mornings there is WSJT meteor scatter activity on 6 meters (50.260 MHz USB).

Jack also announced that the UC Berkeley ARC (W6BB) meets at 60 Barrows Hall on the campus at 6pm Tuesday September 16.

Ron Smith mentioned that the Solano Stroll is on this Sunday.

Texx reminded us about Pacificon this October.

Ken said that there will be a *Boy Scouts On The Air* event at Pacificon and at other locations. He will be doing the event from the USS Hornet. Also the USS Hornet ARC has a meeting tomorrow at noon. All are welcome.

EBARC needs you Run for office for 2009! If you're interested, please contact Jack, K6JEB, 415-305-2547 or Peter, W6DEI, 525-0694

Treasurer's Report

August/September 2008

Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER INCOME

Coffee Kitty (August).....15.00
Coffee Kitty (September)15.25
Total Aug/Sep. Income\$30.25

AUG/SEP DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing (July)\$18.94
Blown Fuse Postage (July)15.96
Blown Fuse Printing (August).....16.27
Blown Fuse Postage (August).....15.12
Blown Fuse Printing (September)23.48
Blown Fuse Postage (September)17.22
2007 Tax Prep. (Al Streit)150.00
CA Sect. of State (corp. filing fee).....20.00
AT&T phone (September)7.53
Total Aug/Sep. Disbursements \$284.52

[Ye Olde Editor thinks that two July Blown Fuse items were reported last time.]

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund).....\$3,675.30
Savings (Station Fund*)\$3,325.19

*\$1,169 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

The 2007 tax report was completed and sent to the IRS. Al Streit, KG6HF, prepared it for the club for the modest fee of \$150. The \$7.53 for the phone bill is a discount because of being a loyal customer (watch for a rate hike next year).

Future Bay Area Events

- Pacificon 2008, the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, will take place Friday, October 17th through Sunday, October 19th, 2008 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, CA . See www.pacificon.org for more information.
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert

925-560-5646 (h). More info at www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html

- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at www.asvaro.org. Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The remaining date for 2008 is Oct. 26th. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The 2008 fee (and retest fee) is \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at www.cc-races.org or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. [Marin Radio Society has given CCCC permission to run all nets on their repeater 146.700, PL is 179.9 until the 4Cs repeater is fixed.]

General Upgrade Ham Class

The Salvation Army with the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club will be holding an 8 week course where you can upgrade your FCC Amateur Radio License. The General license is your expansion to the world-wide excitement of Amateur Radio, and now you do NOT need to learn Morse code! Class is free and the book is \$20. Classes begin on September 23, 2008 at 7-9 p.m, at The Salvation Army, 3950 Clayton Road (at West St.), Concord. Registration is simple, but required. To join, contact instructor Chuck Graham, KI6DCD, at ki6dcd@gmail.com or 925 689-7640.

[The list of officers is being omitted from the printed version to save space/money. It will return next month – Ye Olde Editor]

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

2008 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

Asst. EC West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, mcmillan50y@yahoo.com, phone 510 223-3052.
Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, www.cc-races.org.